(b) if so, what are the conditions attached thereto; and

(c) whether production sharing is a pre-condition to such licences and if so, the rates on which the explorer and the ONGC will share the yield?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) At present, Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) does not offer any new exploration blocks.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Creation of clean energy corridor

730. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether GAIL has submitted a plan to Government for creating a clean energy corridor;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether GAIL has expressed reservation about 'right of use'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL) has submitted proposal to the Government for creating "the Green Quadrilateral—A National Gas Grid as a Clean Energy Corridor". GAIL propose to create nation wide pipeline network for transportation of natural gas connecting various production sources to major consuming centers in different parts of the country.

(c) Yes, Sir. GAIL has sought formulation of gas pipeline policy suggesting nomination of GAIL as the strategic gas pipeline infrastructure developer alongwith the first right to refusal to lay pipelines.

At present permission is accorded for Right of Use (RoU) for acquisition of land under Petroleum and Mineral Pipeline (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962. Under the Act there is no provision for nominating any company as strategic gas pipeline developer or granting exclusive right to any company for any particular area.